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New City Public Works Director

Fresno City Manager Jeffrey Reid announced on August 11, 2000, the selection of Mark I. Williamson as the new City Public Works Director effective Monday, August 14, 2000.

Mr. Williamson has over 24 years of experience as an engineer in both the private and public sectors. He began working for the City of Fresno in March 1985 and promoted to a Division Manager in April 1988. Since then he has held various executive management positions within the City of Fresno's Development Department, administering various Public Works and Public Utilities requirements for development projects. In his most recent role, Mr. Williamson was responsible for overseeing Building and Safety Services Division, the department's budget and accounting activity, and had the daily operational authority of Building Official for the City of Fresno.

Mr. Williamson is a registered Professional Engineer with the State of California. Mr. Williamson received his Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering from California State University Fresno.

A strong fiscal manager and administrator, Mr. Williamson worked to institute the department as an enterprise operation, implement customer service changes, computerization of the department's permit processing, and various other process and fiscal improvements within the department. Mr. Williamson's experience including and effective manager, who has a wide range of expertise in public works engineering, building and safety, financial management, and process and project management. Public Works Department is in the midst of implementing new organizational reforms, one of which is reforming the approach to managing city capital projects. Mr. Williamson has the proven ability to mobilize the work force to achieve the important reforms within the Public Works Department.